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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Eight villages;

" (b) Rs. 23,621–3–3 up to 31st October 1954;

" (c) The Block Development Officers and Extension Officers were being paid fixed travelling allowance at the rates of Rs. 50 and Rs. 37–8–0 per mensem, respectively. They have been made eligible to draw travelling allowance under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules from 1st December 1954. No separate figure for the travelling allowance paid for visits to the Nileshwar area is available."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, Nileshwar is about 60 miles away from Sullia. All the offices are also situated in Sullia. In view of this, will the Government consider the desirability of introducing the N.E.S. scheme to the whole of Kasaragod taluk, Nileshwar Firka, with Hosdrug and Kasaragod firkas added to it when new Blocks are selected next time? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. That will be considered when new Blocks are taken up."

Uplift of Paniyas in North Malabar.

* 667 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of Paniyas (Harijans of hilly regions of North Malabar found especially in Chirakkal, Kottayam and Wynaad taluks) according to the recent census conducted by the Government under the village development scheme;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps so far for their uplift; and

(c) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No census of the Paniyas was conducted by the Government under the village development scheme. The approximate population of the Paniyas is about 40,000.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) A statement[a] showing the particulars is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, have any steps been taken for uplift of these people in Chirakkal, Kottayam and other taluks? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 391 infra.

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Sri O. KORAN :—" Sir, from the paper laid on the table of the House, it is found that Sri Swami Anand Thirth had done some social service in Wynaad taluk in 1949–50. May I know, Sir, whether any other social worker has been working in that area after that period and is it because of that the Paniyas are considerably improved? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have submitted a scheme to the Government of India and we are expecting the approval of the scheme. As soon as it is received here, we will think of another social worker, if necessary."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, in the reply given, it was stated that a scheme has been forwarded to the Government of India. May I know when the scheme was submitted by this Government? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A few months ago, Sir."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, from the answers given to the questions that have been asked by Comrade Madhavan Nambiar and from the printed statement, it is seen nothing is mentioned about the taluks of Chirakkal, Kottayam, etc. Though a specific question was put to that effect, nothing was stated. May I know from the Hon. Minister why nothing is mentioned about these two taluks? Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in Chirakkal taluk alone in Erukkur and Taliparamba firkas—there are about 10,500 Paniyas, Kurichers and others included in the Scheduled Tribes, where they have neither house-sites of their own nor any educational institutions for getting education? In the light of these facts, will the Hon. Minister come forward to enquire and see that some suitable measures are taken to redress their grievances and save them? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I take the information from the hon. Member. I shall consider his suggestion."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, may I know why a substitute was not appointed in the place of the original worker? Was the service intended for the worker or the worker for the service? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, as I said, we wanted to have a comprehensive scheme and we have submitted one for approval by the Government of India. Last month, there was a Conference of all the Ministers and officers concerned of the various States at Delhi and now the matter is being considered by the Government of India. As soon as it is received, we will begin implementing it."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, it was stated that schemes have been sent to the Government of India for the uplift of Paniyas. May I know the total amount of money that would be necessary for the implementation of these schemes? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not exactly remember the amount required. It will depend upon the schemes that are approved. Some of the items in the schemes may be approved or may not be apporved. The final amount could be stated only after we get the approved schemes and the amounts sanctioned thereto."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" மலையாள ஜில்லாவிலே நாற்பதாயிரம் ஆதிவாசிகள் வசித்துக் கொண்டிருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" ஆதிவாசிகள் அல்ல. 'பனியாஸ்.' "

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" 'பனியாஸ்' என்பவர்கள் ஆதிவாசிகள்தான். மேற்குத்தொடர்ச்சி மலை கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லா வரையில் வருகின்றது. கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள மலைப் பிரதேசங்களில் நிறைய அந்தப் பனியாஸ் வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்த ஆதிவாசிகள் இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு எல்லாம் ஹரிஜன பண்டிலிருந்தே பணம் செலவழிக்கப்பட்டு வருவதாக அறிகிறேன். அப்படிச் செலவழிக்கப்பட்டுவருவது உண்மைதானா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் வேறு கேள்வி போடுங்கள்."

Purchase and distribution of dyes.

* 668 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by Government for purchase and distribution of dyes; and

(*b*) whether dyes are distributed through the Co-operative department or through private agencies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM .—" (*a*) No amount was spent by the Government for the purchase and distribution of dyes.

" (*b*) There is no control over dyes and no dyes were distributed by the Government either through the Co-operative Department in the State or through private agencies."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இம்மாதிரியான லைசென்சுகள் பெரிய முதலாளிகளுக்கே ஏகபோக உரிமையாக அளிக்கப்படுகிறது. அதனால் அவர்கள் இந்த சாயத்திற்கு மிக அதிகமான விலையை வைத்து, அதாவது ஒரு பவுண்டுக்கு இருபது ரூபாய்க்கு மேல் விலை வைத்து கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களுக்கு விற்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே சர்க்கார் கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களுக்கு குறைந்த விலைக்குச் சாயம் கிடைப்பதற்காக செஸ் பண்டிலிருந்து கொஞ்சம் பணம் ஒதுக்கி அதன் மூலமாக சாயம் தயாரித்து ஸ்டேட் ஹாண்டுலூம் கோவாப்ரேடிவ் சொஸைடிகள் மூலமாக கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கும்படி செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 'Dyes' விஷயத்தில் கண்டிரோல் இல்லையென்று சொன்னேன். இருந்தபோதிலும், 'ஸ்டேட் ஹாண்டுலூம் கோவாப்ரேடிவ் சொஸைடிகள்' மூலமாக இதற்கு என்ன செய்யமுடியும் என்று பரிசீலனை செய்கிறேன்."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" 'ஸெஸ்' நிதியிலிருந்து பணம் ஒதுக்கி ஆலைகளில் நூல் உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் திட்டம் இருக்கிறது. அதேபோல் சாயமும் கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களுக்கு மிக அவசியமாக இருப்பதால் 'செஸ்' நிதியிலிருந்து சாய உற்பத்திக்குப் பணம் ஒதுக்குவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ?"